

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1365

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Bill Caudill upon being named
Grand Marshal of the 2008 Strawberry Festival
Parade.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those occasions in which Tennessee communities act to recognize their most accomplished citizens for their lives of service to their friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Portland, Tennessee have chosen Bill Caudill to act as Grand Marshal for the 2008 Strawberry Festival Parade; in so doing they have selected an outstanding Tennessean whose abilities and personal characteristics are superlative; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Portland, Mr. Caudill was instilled with a sense of community service by his father, W. D. Caudill, who served for six years on the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Bill Caudill's first job as a young man was working for the City of Portland for the summer; he later joined the U.S. Army to proudly serve his country; and

WHEREAS, he began his illustrious banking career in 1966 with the People's Bank before moving to Volunteer State Bank in 1977; in total, Bill Caudill served in the banking business for an amazing forty-two years before his retirement, and earned the respect and admiration of his peers, clients, and superiors for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caudill has sought to serve his fellow citizens in public office, serving as a city alderman for sixteen years under four different mayors, and for nine of those distinguished years, he rendered astute service as Vice-Mayor of Portland; and

WHEREAS, Bill Caudill has taken an active role in civic and economic activities in his community, having served in the Chamber of Commerce since he began his career in 1966, including at least one notable term as President; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caudill has sought other outlets for his civic contributions, including four years on the Tennessee Municipal League, coaching Little League baseball, and serving in a Boy Scout unit; and

WHEREAS, his many awards and accomplishments aside, Bill Caudill is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his partner and friend, his wife of forty-three years, Charlotte; together, the Caudills are the proud parents of three and the doting grandparents of six; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to join with the citizens of Portland in honoring this dedicated public servant, energetic and innovative civic leader, and friend to his fellow human beings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Bill Caudill of Portland for his many years of selfless and outstanding public service to the people of Portland and Tennessee, and that we congratulate him upon his selection as Grand Marshal of the 2008 Strawberry Festival Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.